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Dear all,

End of the year; we are looking back, a little tired, but above all satisfied and grateful. Putting everything together, we actually were able to do a lot! Now, Christmas is over and the new year is about to start, a special period in which hope, faith and love are important in a world full of uncertainties. We think of all those beautiful moments that we have been able to live in 2017: the spontaneous laughter of a child, the inspiring vitality of the families and the beautiful intense conversations. We wish you and your beloved ones a blessed 2018.

Warmest regards,
Nicoline, Alex, Barbara & Helma – Board of Daniëlle Children's Fund

CHILD 'N FAMILY CENTER IN NEPAL

**Child 'N Family
center
Kathmandu**

Over the past few months, our team, Chooda, Rajan and Chabi, has not been idle. They have divided their time between guiding the children and their families, and on working together with our partner school, the Golden Future Education Trust School, in Kathmandu. Especially Chabi, our social worker, who has been visiting the children in their home situation. One of the new students in the school is Nishika. He is a beautiful 9 year old boy. Nishika has Cerebral Palsy (CP). His mother could not put him in school. Since May, Nishika has been going to his new school, thanks to our program. His mother participates in our savings program and she now has a small shop where she sells tea and cookies. In the future, she hopes to expand her products.



In October, the first ten mothers completed their practical training. They received training in sewing, cooking and woodworking. At this moment, 25 new parents are taking part in the vocational trainings. It is very nice to see that Chooda, Rajan and Chabi have started to involve the participants in the family clubs. Parents share with each other their own difficult situations; listening to each other and finding solutions together has made people really look forward to attend. One of the mothers told us that the sharing has made her feel stronger. Through this she sees new opportunities, both for her and for her children.



Perhaps you remember in the previous newsletter we told you many of our parents do not have access to clean water. How beautiful it was when we immediately received a response from the British company, ATG UV Technology, who specializes in ultraviolet water treatment. Only a few days later, we were "sitting around the table", via Skype, together with their inspiring director, Chris Purslow, discussing the situation. Meanwhile, the installation of a water purification system at our partner school is in full swing. Thanks to this system, not only children at school can drink pure water, but parents also have access to free drinking water to take home.

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CHILD 'N FAMILY CENTER IN ECUADOR

**Child 'N Family
center
Ambato / Quito**

By the end of the year, it was time for our team to stop for a moment. We took this time to evaluate how the children, the families and us, have done in 2017. And, of course, we looked forward to 2018. We have concluded that although a lot has been done, there is still lots to do! As it looks now 2018 will be a busy year - perhaps even busier than 2017!

This year we had our first experiences with regards to the Technical Assistance to other organizations. Our goal is to implement the guidelines of the United Nations,



in cooperation with UNICEF Ecuador. Technical cooperation is an interesting and above all instructive challenge: it seems that some organizations have "fallen asleep": children have been living in those children's home for years. Despite having family, reunification is no longer seen as an option.

In the past year, we have taken a fresh look at the situations of the children in two children's homes. This enabled the families that had not been contacted for a long time to be contacted again. A number of families said their children had become "inaccessible" because they felt they could not meet the high demands of the system. They did not feel supported, but rather condemned as the "bad father or bad mother". A mother told us that she did not dare to go inside the institute. She could only see her baby daughter through the window. At the end, the continuous grief and powerlessness she felt, made her stop going. The report stated that the mother was unable to care for the child, because she showed no interest in her child and "did not even come to visit".



The reopening of cases like this goes hand in hand with co-therapies. A psychologist from our team assists the colleague of the other institution during the psycho-social processes with the children and the families. We pay a lot of attention to creating a bond of trust, not judging and actively involving everyone. A very beautiful and special role is played by our psychologist Azucena Sisa. Azu comes from an Indian community and through her quiet and warm way, she builds bridges and opens doors to families, that according to social standards have been "given up on" a long time ago. The challenges are great, but the inspiration is too. One of the homes is well known for its many adoptions in the past. This year adoption was necessary for only one child, as the other children were re-unified with their own biological family.

For more background information on [CNF Ecuador](#) have a look at [Projects](#) on the website.

THANK YOU



In November, Eleanor Morgan-Williams did five weeks of voluntary work in Ecuador. Eleanor is from the UK and studies Spanish. She came exactly at the right time, because we were busy evaluating our programs. She has helped us out with the conversations with the many participants, the interviews and the focus groups. Eleanor is currently back in the UK. Eleanor, we miss you!

Four wonderful, energetic friends from Belgium; Erik, Johan, Paul and Wilfried, have spent a year preparing the third Charity Expedition for DCF. It is hard to imagine, but the expedition is already behind them: the road to the top of Cayambe was cold, challenging and beautiful! As a result, a fantastic feeling about reaching the highest point and an even more than fantastic check with a provisional amount of \$22,500 for DCF Ecuador. Too good for words! Erik, Johan, Paul and Wilfried, THANK YOU SO MUCH for the impressive donation and the inspiring energy that you brought with you.



Finally, just before Christmas, we received an unexpected special donation of \$10,000 from a previous sponsor; fantastic and beautiful! Added to this, the donations from sponsors who celebrated our fifteenth anniversary. This all makes the budget deficit for 2018 smaller and that makes us happy, feeling warm and very grateful!

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